(b) Yes. Sir.

(c) The Commission Io dealers on MS and HSD i_s based on slab •system to ensure viability of low throughout outlets as against a percentage relationship between the commission and the price of the product. The rates of commission for lubricant singularly does not affect the profitability of the dealer.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The total expenses of the-dealer h includes expenses pertaining to supply of free air) has been taken into account while working out the rates of commission.

(f) The Commission on MS & HSD in 1960 as percentage of ex-storage price was as under:

Petrol 8.13%

Diesel 3.96%

The percentage of tha present commission to the ex-storage selling price as on 31-1-1986 is as under:

Slab for sales volume in Kl.	% of dealer commission on ex-storage price of petrol	% of Dealer commission on ex-storage price of Diesel
1—360	2·29	2·76
361—600	1·69	2·06
601—1080	1·49	1·46
Over 1080	1·19	1·26

Energy Crisis

884. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that great con-was expressed that country was fa-with a prospect of serious energy crisis

(b) if so, whether a study was conduc-ud by the Energy Advisory Board in Which it was stated that energy shortages are likely to continue for quite time in {ndia:

(c) if so, what are the main reasons pm forth by them in this regard: and

(d) what are the steps being taken to meet the serious energy crisis in the coun-to?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) In the light of the projections of the Advisory Board on Energy on the Energy Demand and Supply position in the year 2004-05, concern has been expressed that energy shortages could become acute with increased commercial energy consumption and the passage of time.

(c) The report has indicated that there is likely to be a deficit in the availability of oil for meeting the domestic demand taking into account the present supply—demand position.

(d) The present approach is to reduce dependence on oil to the maximum extent possible, increasingly use indigenously available energy resources and promote efficient utilisation of various energy sources.

Power shortage in Karnataka and *Cu'yjt*-rat States

885. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI. Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether. Government are taking adequate steps to help Karnataka and Gujarat which are facing severe power shortage and have asked Maharashtra Go--vernment to rush power to both these States;

(b) if so, whether the Chief Minister has also met him on 14th January and ap prised him of grave situation that the Karnataka has bees facing due to powei .shortage; and

(c) if so, what assistance and help was provided to the Karnataka State to meet the power shortage after this meeting and to what extent the power shortage has been met?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Karnataka has been facing power shortage due td* reduced hydel generation. Power shortage conditions developed in Gujarat during the mid of January, 1986 for about a week due to multiple outages of thermal units Maharashtra Government was requested to render maximum assistance to these States to mitigate the power shortage conritions. Gujarat is now, by and large, meeting its energy requirements fully.

(b) The Chief Minister of Karnataka met the Minister of Energy on 13th January, 1986 and also discussed the problem of power shortage in Karnataka.

(c) Maharashtra State Electricity Board has supplied to Karnataka 63 MU in January, 1986 and 81 MU in February, 1986 (upto 23rd February). This has helped in mitigating power shortage in Karnataka to some extent.

जोधपुर में मुख्य डाकघर

886. **श्री भंवर लाल पंवार** : क्या **संचार मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या जोधपुर में मुख्य डाकघर का भवन बनाने की कोई योजना है;

(ख) डाकघर के भवन की कब तक बन जाने की योजना थी, क्या इसके निर्माण में कोई विलंब हुआ है; यदि हां तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और इसका कार्य कब तक शुरू कर दिया जाएगा; और

(ग) इस भवन के कब तक पूरा होने की आशा है और इस पर कितनी लागत आने की संभावना है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम निवास मिर्धा) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) भवन निर्माण का कार्य 1985 शुरु किया जाना था लेकिन रेलवे स्टेशन के सामने अपेक्षाकृत खुला क्षेत्र प्रदान करने तथा डाक विभाग और रेल विभाग के हितों को देखते हुए इसका स्थान बदल दिया गया । अब नए प्रधान डाकघर भवन का निर्माण करने का निर्णय ले लिया गया है तथा निर्माण कार्य शीघ्र ही शुरु हो जाने की संभावना है ।

(ग) भवन निर्माण कार्य के अप्रैल, 1988 तक पूरा हो जाने की आशा है तथा इस पर आने वाली लागत लगभग 75 लाख रु० होगी ।

जोधपुर में इलैक्ट्रानिक एक्सचेंज

887. **श्री भंवर लाल पंवार** : क्या **संचार मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या जोधपुर में इलैक्ट्रानिक एक्सचेंज लगाने का कोई प्रस्ताव है;

(ख) यदि इसे अभी तक स्थापित नहीं किया जा सका है तो इसके कब तक कार्य शुरू किये जाने की संभावना है;

(ग) इस एक्सचेंज से कितने टेलीफोन उपभोक्ताओं को लाभ होने संभावना है; और कब तक; और

(घ) इस एक्सचेंज के खुलने से जोधपुर में टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों की प्रतीक्षा-सूची की क्या स्थिति रहेगी और शेष उपभोक्ताओं को कब तक कनेक्शन मिल सकेंगे ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम निवास मिर्धा) : (क) जी हां ।